



Marianne Harris honored for 30 years of service

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In the attached picture, Building Official Marianne Harris accepts a pin and certificate from Board of Supervisors Chairman Walt Zaremba recognizing her 30 years of service to York County.

Harris, who was born in Germany, came to the United States in 1964. While raising her children, Harris took the initiative to learn the building construction trade and started working for York County in 1978 as a building inspector, the first female building inspector in Virginia.

Since then, Harris has served as Deputy Building Official, and in 1990 she was promoted to her current position as the county's Building Official.

In her time with the county, Harris has processed permits and inspections for over \$2 billion in businesses, homes and institutional facilities. In addition to building code compliance, Harris and her building regulation staff are in charge of taking the lead in disaster recovery efforts during hurricanes, ice storms, other weather events and building accidents. Harris has also implemented standards through coordination with the insurance industry to reduce building hazard insurance costs, and she has worked with the county's stormwater staff to reduce flood insurance rates.

"As I tell everyone, Marianne takes care of business and gets the job done," said Environmental and Development Services Director John Hudgins. "A supervisor can't ask for more than that."

